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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Nicholas L. ABBOTT, et al.  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETECTION OF MICROSCOPIC  
PATHOGENS  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the first month is \$55.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$55.00 fee, as well as any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

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